

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A sound producing mechanism for use in a spinning reel having a reel unit and a spool that is disposed around a spool shaft, a fishing line being adapted to be wound around and released from the spool, the sound producing mechanism being designed to produce ~~producing~~ sound by relative rotation between the spool and the reel unit, the spinning reel sound producing mechanism comprising:

a first sound producing portion having

an attachment portion mounted to ~~one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~, and

a plurality of saw tooth portions that are formed in a saw tooth shape

circumferentially apart on an outer peripheral surface of the attachment portion; and

a second sound producing portion that is mounted to ~~the other of the spool and the reel unit~~, and has a front end portion that is configured to come into contact with the saw tooth portions of the first sound producing portion,

the first sound producing portion being mounted to ~~the one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~ so as to be rotatable relative to the second sound producing portion and unrotatable relative to the spool shaft when the spool rotates in a line releasing direction, and unrotatable relative to the second sound producing portion and rotatable relative to the spool shaft when the spool rotates in a line winding direction.

2-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 1, further comprising

a friction member that is disposed between the first sound producing portion and ~~the one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~, to restrict rotation of the first sound producing portion ~~relative to the one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 4, further comprising

a retaining member that is non-rotatably mounted on the spool shaft and retains a bearing that is disposed on an inner peripheral side of the spool,

wherein

~~the first sound producing portion is coupled to the spool shaft, and~~

the friction member is disposed between the first sound producing portion and the retaining member.

6. (Original) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

an inner peripheral surface of the retaining member is formed so that its cross-section is circular, and the spool shaft is formed so that its cross-section is non-circular; and

the sound producing mechanism further includes spacer members that are inserted in a gap between the inner peripheral surface of the retaining member and the spool shaft.

7. (Original) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 5, wherein

an inner diameter of the plurality of saw tooth portions of the first sound producing portion is larger than an outer diameter of the bearing.

8. (Original) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 4, wherein

the friction member is an annular member made of an elastic material.

9. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 1 [[2]], wherein

the first sound producing portion is a closed end cylindrical member in which the saw-tooth portions are arranged on an outer peripheral surface of a cylindrical portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel sound producing mechanism as set forth in claim 1 [[2]], wherein

the second sound producing portion includes

- a pawl member that is pivotably mounted to the spool such that a front end portion of the pawl member can come into contact with the saw tooth portions; and
- a spring member that urges the front end portion of the pawl member toward the saw tooth portions.

11. (Currently Amended) A spinning reel comprising
a handle;
a reel unit rotatively supporting the handle;
a rotor rotatively supported on a front of the reel unit;
a spool that is disposed on a front of the rotor and around a spool shaft so as to be shifted back and forth, a fishing line being adapted to be wound around and released from the spool; and

a sound producing mechanism for producing sound by relative rotation between the spool and the reel unit, the spinning reel sound producing mechanism including:

- a first sound producing portion having
 - an attachment portion mounted to ~~one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~, and
 - a plurality of saw tooth portions that are formed in a saw tooth shape circumferentially apart on an outer peripheral surface of the attachment portion; and
- a second sound producing portion that is mounted to ~~the other of the spool and the reel unit~~ and has a front end portion that is configured to come into contact with the saw tooth portions of the first sound producing portion,

the first sound producing portion being unrotatably mounted to ~~the one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~ when the spool rotates in a line releasing direction and rotatably mounted to ~~the one of the spool shaft and the reel unit~~ when the spool rotates in a line winding direction.

12-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A The spinning reel as set forth in claim 11, further comprising:

a handle;

a reel unit rotatively supporting the handle;

a rotor rotatively supported on a front of the reel unit;

a spool that is disposed on a front of the rotor and around a spool shaft so as to be shifted back and forth, a fishing line being adapted to be wound around and released from the spool;

a sound producing mechanism for producing sound by relative rotation between the spool and the reel unit, the spinning reel sound producing mechanism including:

a first sound producing portion having

an attachment portion mounted to one of the spool and the reel unit,

and

a plurality of saw tooth portions that are formed in a saw tooth

shape circumferentially apart on an outer peripheral surface

of the attachment portion, and

a second sound producing portion that is mounted to the other of the spool and

the reel unit and has a front end portion that is configured to come into

contact with the saw tooth portions of the first sound producing

portion; and

a friction member that is disposed between the first sound producing portion and the one of the spool and the reel unit, to restrict rotation of the first sound producing portion relative to the one of the spool and the reel unit,

the first sound producing portion being unrotatably mounted to the one of the spool and the reel unit when the spool rotates in a line releasing direction and rotatably mounted to the one of the spool and the reel unit when the spool rotates in a line winding direction.

15. (Original) The spinning reel as set forth in claim 14, further comprising a retaining member that is non-rotatably mounted on the spool shaft and retains a bearing that is disposed on an inner peripheral side of the spool,

wherein

the first sound producing portion is coupled to the spool shaft, and

the friction member is disposed between the first sound producing portion and the retaining member.

16. (Original) The spinning reel as set forth in claim 15, wherein:
an inner peripheral surface of the retaining member is formed so that its cross-section is circular, and the spool shaft is formed so that its cross-section is non-circular; and
the sound producing mechanism further includes spacer members that are inserted in a gap between the inner peripheral surface of the retaining member and the spool shaft.

17. (Original) The spinning reel as set forth in claim 15, wherein
an inner diameter of the plurality of saw tooth portions of the first sound producing portion is larger than an outer diameter of the bearing.

18. (Original) The spinning reel as set forth in claim 14, wherein
the friction member is an annular member made of an elastic material.

19. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel as set forth in claim 11 ~~12~~, wherein
the first sound producing portion is a closed end cylindrical member in which the saw-tooth portions are arranged on an outer peripheral surface of a cylindrical portion.

20. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel as set forth in claim 11 ~~12~~, wherein
the second sound producing portion includes
a pawl member that is pivotably mounted to the spool such that a front end portion of the pawl member can come into contact with the saw tooth portions; and
a spring member that urges the front end portion of the pawl member toward the saw tooth portions.